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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE DEPARTURE OF
AMERICAN TOURISTS IN EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 3025 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTRY OF TOURISM HAS COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED CAIRO 3021 AND THEY ARE INFORMING ALL TOURISTS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING EGYPT VIA BUS TO BENGHAZI, WITH ONWARD TRANSPORTATION BY AIR TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH EGYPTAIR.

2. MINISTRY OF TOURISM HAS ASSURED TRAVEL AGENTS, INCLUDING TWA REPRESENTATIVE WHO WAS AT MEETING WITH THE UNDERSECRETARY, THAT LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED ALL TOURISTS NOW IN EGYPT WOULD BE ACCEPTED INTO LIBYA AND THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR TRANSLATIONS OF PASSPORTS INTO ARABIC. ARRANGEMENTS CALLS FOR TRAVEL AGENTS IN RESPECT TO TOUR GROUPS TO DO ALL THE NECESSARY PROCESSING INCLUDING OBTAINING OF LIBYAN VISA.

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3. ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL TOURISTS WAS

THAT THEY WOULD BE PROCESSED BY TOURIST ADMINISTRATION
AND APPLY DIRECTLY TO LIBYAN EMBASSY FOR VISA. WE
HAVE AMENDED THIS IN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS,
WHO WILL ACT AS TRAVEL AGENT FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL
TOURISTS STRANDED HERE AND MAKE THE NECESSARY TRAVEL
ARRANGEMENTS AND OBTAIN THE LIBYAN VISAS. COST OF
BUS TRANSPORTATION AND LIBYAN VISA MUST BE BORNE BY
INDIVIDUAL TRAVELER.

4. ABOVE SEEMS LIKE BEST WAY OF GETTING TOURISTS OUT
OF EGYPT AND WE HOPE IT WORKS.

5. FOR TRIPOLI: SINCE AGREEMENT ON PASSPORTS HAS
BEEN ARRANGED BETWEEN LIBYAN AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS
IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT ANY ACTION IS REQUIRED OF YOU
AT THIS TIME.
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